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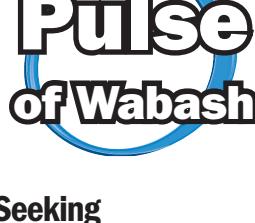


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INDOT to begin Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. Petroviak said the work is scheduled to begin on or after Monday, April 5 and is set to wrap up in July.

Woman's Clubhouse plans April luncheon and program

The Woman's Clubhouse will host Bill Plummer for the Tuesday, April 13 luncheon and program at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon with the program on the Turpentine Creek Animal Sanctuary. The MSD retired teachers are hosting this event called, "Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!" Reservations for the lunch are due by Friday, April 9 by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

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County moves back up to yellow COVID-19 advisory level

The local trend of rising cases reflected in counties across the state

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After several weeks of being at the lowest COVID-19 advisory level by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), that came to an end Wednesday when Wabash County was moved back up to yellow, the second-lowest level.

The weekly update to the state's advisory map showed Wabash County was far from the only place to experience a new resurgence of cases. Several other counties which had also been at blue were also moved to yellow, and two counties, Wells and Blackford, are now in the orange

category, the second-highest.

During a televised press conference on Wednesday, state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said they had seen the positivity rate tick up slightly across the state in recent days from 3.3 percent last week to 3.9 percent this week. Box said the hospitalizations and hospital admissions were also up.

"These metrics tell us that cases are increasing in parts of the state, which again serves as a reminder that we cannot throw caution to the wind and behave as if the pandemic is over," said Box.

The recent surge of infections comes just as the ISDH opened COVID-19 vaccine availability to all Hoosiers 16 and older, which also occurred Wednesday.

The expansion makes more than 1.3 million additional individuals eligible for the

vaccine.

As of Friday, a total of 2,927,796 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 1,730,567 first doses and 1,197,229 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

With the expansion, the state has now made COVID-19 vaccines available to every Hoosier for whom the vaccine is currently authorized.

"The state's focus will remain on providing equitable access to vaccine and providing current and accurate information so that Hoosiers can be informed about their options," stated the ISDH.

Hoosiers scheduling appointments may experience waits during periods of high

volume. Vaccine appointments will extend over the next several weeks to align with expected vaccine deliveries to the state. Individuals seeking an earlier appointment are encouraged to look at openings in surrounding counties.

To schedule a vaccine, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> and select a location from one of more than 530 clinics around the state. Hoosiers who do not have a computer or cell phone or those who need assistance scheduling an appointment can call 211 or contact one of Indiana's Area Agencies on Aging or AARP. Nearly 70 libraries around the state also are helping Hoosiers schedule their appointments.

Individuals age 16 and 17 are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine and should search for a site that lists

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Pathfinder Services, city open new group home

Second local ribbon-cutting last month marked Disability Awareness Month

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For the second time in a month, local leaders and Pathfinder Services officially opened a new facility in Wabash.

On Tuesday, Pathfinder Services and the city of Wabash held a ceremony cutting the ribbon on the new Pathfinder Services Group Home at 260 Half St., said communications and volunteer coordinator Nicole Hahn.

Hahn said the home is a newly built 4,000-square-foot structure that nearly doubles the area of the previous home and allows for more space for activities for the seven women with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in the home.

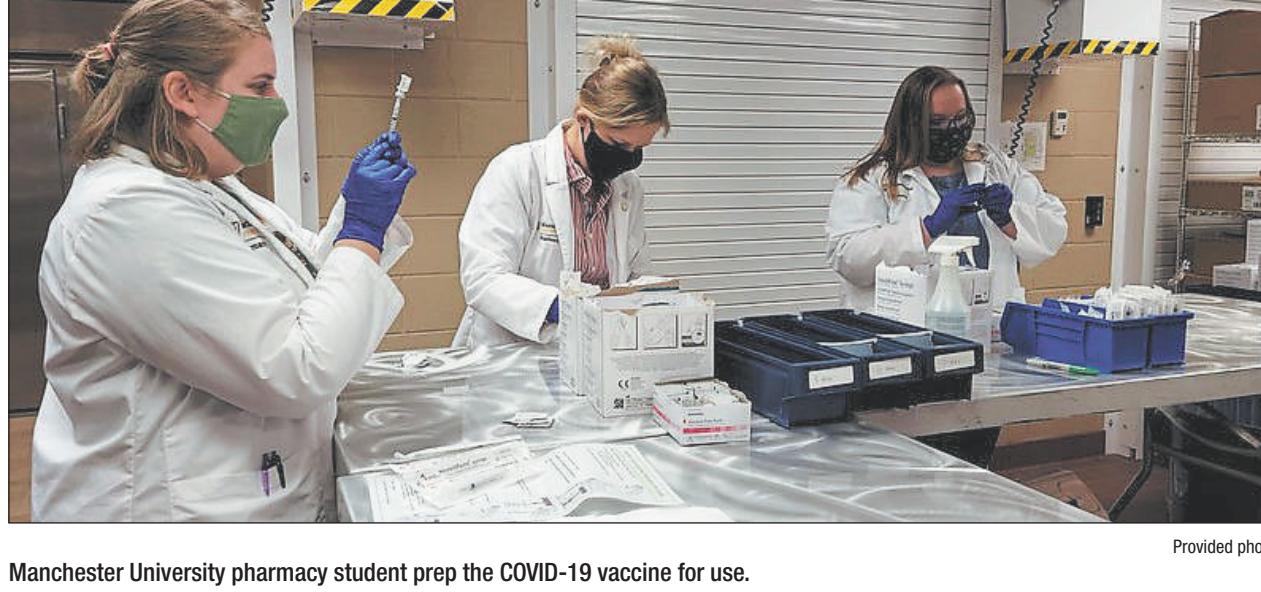
"We are grateful to everyone who helped us make this dream home a reality," said CEO and president Danielle Tips. "The extra space will allow the ladies who live here to age in place with all of the necessary space and amenities to live life to the fullest."

Hahn said Pathfinder Services "had many partners in this project."

Hahn said the land for the home was purchased by Rayco Home Services and then donated to Pathfinder

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Manchester to host COVID clinic, partners with local organizations



Provided photo

Manchester University pharmacy student prep the COVID-19 vaccine for use.

University is arranging transportation for students and others who need it

By ANNE GREGORY

Up to 500 members of the Manchester University community can be accommodated at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic next week.

Manchester is teaming up with the Wabash County vaccine clinic, which is a partnership of the City of Wabash, the Wabash County Emergency Management Agency, the Town of North Manchester and Parkview Wabash Hospital.

The MU clinic will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. Sat-

urday, April 10, for the first dose, and 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, for the second dose, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

"The Wabash County vaccine clinic partnership is pleased to work with Manchester University in providing a clinic specific to the university's faculty, staff and students," said Marilyn Custer-Mitchell, president of Parkview Wabash Hospital.

"We recognize it's important for all members of the Manchester University family to have access to a vaccine,

so they can continue their educational activities and work in a safe environment."

The University is arranging transportation for stu-

dents and others who need it.

"Manchester is excited about the opportunity to work with the Wabash County vac-

cine clinic for our stu-

dents. Getting shots in the

arm of as many people on

campus as possible is our main priority," said Abby Van Vlerah, vice president of student life and leader of the University's COVID response team.

"Vaccinated students, faculty, and staff will help us return to a more normal academic year in the fall," she said. "We're thankful to offer this clinic and are pleased that so many of our students wanted to be vaccinated."

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

City unveils new website

The redesign went live on Thursday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Visitors to the city's website will notice a brand new look, which local leaders hope will increase access to services online.

On Friday, March 26, Mayor Scott Long invited "the community and visitors to explore the new and improved website created for the city of Wabash," said mayor's coordinator and receptionist Maria E. Smyth.

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Southwood students awarded at reimaged ISSMA contest

The district contest combined the state judging in one virtual event this year

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Many events had to be re-imagined over the last year due to COVID-19, and the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) vocal and piano solo and ensemble contest was no exception.

"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a profound impact on music programs across our state," said Southwood High School choral director Susan Keefer. "It has also

greatly affected how ISSMA continues to approach their mission of providing educational assessment opportunities for their member schools. Social-distancing and masking made the contest participation more challenging for students to participate in ensembles and extra rehearsals; individuals had to spend more time working independently to be successful."

Also, Keefer said the contest was further delayed due to weather wreaking havoc on school schedules and their ability to finish recording and submitting events.

Keefer said in the end, though, several local students were able to shine despite these obstacles.

"Our county school music directors worked hard to help students participate this year and are proud of what these students accomplished," said Keefer.

Southwood High School students were among those who participated in the ISSMA district vocal and piano solo and ensemble contest.

Keefer said the district contest combined the state judging in one virtual event this year; using a specified ISSMA-controlled mobile app, a video of each entry was submitted by the teacher to be judged.

Southwood High School had 19 junior high students and 13 high school students enter 26 entries that brought home 22 first ratings, three second place ratings and one bronze rating. Eight Group I entries received gold ratings at the state level contest.

Contest participants are entered according to the level of difficulty of their music; group levels I to V, I being the most difficult and V being the least difficult music.

Group I music must be selected from a required list of music. Participants receive medals for first, second, and third places only in each group level.

Only group I participants that receive a first rating advance to the state-level judging. Group I events earning a Gold Rating will be awarded a State Solo and Ensemble medal and have

been allowed to order State Solo and Ensemble patches and rosters through their director following the event. All other events will be awarded District Solo and Ensemble medals. All awards will be mailed to each school.

High school results

■ Group I entries receiving gold for district and state contest are: Vocal solos: Isaac King singing "Across the Western Ocean," Cage DuBois singing "Rollin' Down to Rio," Micah Dale singing "Danny Boy," Isabel Davis singing "When Love is Kind," Katelyn Ranck singing "Star Vincino," Olivia

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Annual Honeywell Bunny Bash event coming today

Spring is around the corner and ready to greet guests at the annual Bunny Bash event, according to Honeywell Foundation PR and marketing coordinator Morgan Ellis.

This year's Bunny Bash will take place in a drive-

through setting at the Honeywell Center for guests to pick up a Take and Make Craft Kit and Easter eggs.

The craft kits and eggs are limited to the first 300 kids. Bunny Bash is a Honeywell Arts & Entertainment offering and is sponsored by

Guenin Law Office.

The Easter Bunny will deliver Take and Make Craft Kits and Easter eggs to vehicles from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 3 in the Honeywell Center north parking lot at 275 W. Market St.

Here is to a truly healthy heart

By DAVE PHILLIPS

April is Heartworm Awareness Month. Heartworms kill a great number of dogs. The American Heartworm Society reports that more than a million dogs currently have heartworm disease.

What a way to start an Easter devotional.

Heartworm is a parasite that lodges in the heart of the animal. It is transmitted to the dog by mosquitoes. This roundworm continually reproduces in the animal's heart. The animal may look great on the outside, but its energy and life are slowly being drained. However, the dog's owner can buy medicine to prevent and cure this disease.

The human heart also has heartworm. I am not talking about the physical heart but the core of who we are. It began way back at the creation of the universe and the human race. God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the most beautiful place imaginable on Earth. The heart of God. The hearts of the man and woman and even all creation beat as one. Whether we know it or not, it is still the deepest longing of every man and woman on the planet. A longing for peace and wholeness, that we all be able to get along.

However, the human heart

has heartworm. It is not passed on by mosquitoes but from one generation to the next. It is a congenital heart defect. It is in us as well as all around us. The ugly word sin has been passed down to us ever since Adam and Eve decided to do their own thing, to disobey God's one simple command. Sin creates dis-ease in us. It separates us from others. Ever have someone lie to you? Have close are you to them now? Ever have someone abuse you, bully you, gossip about you, take advantage of you? All these along with other sins recorded in the Bible fracture relationships, make it hard for us to get along.

Sin makes it hard for us to get along with ourselves. A divided heart keeps us on edge, insecure, vulnerable to failure and fear. A divided heart wilts under pressure. We exhibit self-defeating attitudes and behaviors. We become our own worst enemy. We have no energy to live, love, pursue life or healthy relationships. It becomes for us a living hell on Earth.

Then came Easter. The creator God, who knows and loves us best, provided the cure. Then came Jesus, very God, to save his people from their sin. It involved a price. This cure was and is not cheap. He was nailed to the cross as the final sacrifice for our sin. The physical pain was enough,

but the pain that broke his heart was the burden of all or our sin. He felt the separation: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me." Then came peace to his heart, "Father into your hands I commend my spirit." His last word on the cross followed: "It is finished." He had completed the work He was sent to do, to provide the perfect, final sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, the restoration of the human. That our hearts might beat as one with His.

His broken body was placed in the grave. But it did not remain there. He arose from death, the grave with a new body free from death. His resurrection confirmed the finality of his sacrifice. We are made to live not only on this Earth with Jesus but with Him in eternity. In Christ Jesus our sin is forgiven. We are raised to a new life here and now, and someday we will be raised up from the grave.

Has Easter come to you? Have you received the cure for your heart sin? Open your heart to Jesus, confess your need to Him, received his forgiveness, follow him daily, focus on His purpose for you, find a church family to care for your heart. Find someone whose heart you can care for. Let Easter come to you. Here is to a truly healthy heart.

Dave Phillips is the pastor of Wabash Friends Church.

5-Day Weather Summary

				
Saturday Sunny 60 / 41	Sunday Partly Cloudy 68 / 45	Monday Partly Cloudy 71 / 51	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy 74 / 54	Wednesday Few Showers 73 / 55
Sun and Moon	Detailed Local Outlook			
Today's sunset 8:09 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 7:22 a.m.	Last 4/4	New 4/11	First 4/20	Full 4/26

The story behind 'I Love Jesus, But I Want To Die'

The first time Sarah J. Robinson tried to kill herself was eight months after she became a born-again Christian.

She had struggled with suicidal thoughts since elementary school. She would imagine jumping into highway traffic, or fill her hand with pills and consider swallowing them. But her depression only deepened after she was baptized as a teen and poured herself into Bible studies and upbeat youth group projects.

She felt like a failure. Finally, one night, she pressed a knife harder and harder into her skin – but she couldn't force herself to end it all on the kitchen floor. Looking back, she wrote: "I didn't want my family to find me there, so I got up and put the knife away. I climbed into bed, put on a worship CD, cursed God and went to sleep."

Robinson kept stacks of journals, which provided crucial material for "I Love Jesus, But I Want To Die," a book written during three years of struggle and research. Her battles with depression have continued, even during her years working as a youth minister.

Images of handwritten pages appear in the book, including this 2007 plea: "Lord, I'm struggling. I need your help. This week has been really rough – I've been sad & lonely & angry & numb. I cut myself and berated myself, wished for the end, tried so hard to hide it. I'm not just empty – I've

become a vacuum, taking on more and more of the absence of your presence. ... God, please don't let me be lost."

It was hard to be that vulnerable, said Robinson, reached by phone in Nashville. But including actual journal pages "seemed like a no-brainer" if the goal was to "let other people who are hurting know they are not alone. I wanted them to know that I've been there – in that kind of midnight."

Among secular researchers, it's common to find two views of mental health issues, said Robinson, citing the work of Stanford University researcher Carol Dweck. The first is a "fixed mindset" that assumes these conditions are predetermined and unchangeable. Thus, "setbacks and failures reveal who we really are and will always be," said Robinson. The second is a "growth mindset" that says individuals can adapt and change.

In pews and pulpits, many believers simply assume all mental health struggles represent a lack of faith.

Strugglers will be healed if they dedicate themselves to Bible study and prayer while turning away from their sins. Church-based "pastoral counseling" is an option.

"The idea is that if I put the right things into the spiritual vending machine, then I'll get the right things out," said Robinson. "If I'm doing everything I've been told to do, but I'm not getting the benefits that I should, then something is wrong. ... I have failed, as many people say, to 'choose joy.'"

The result, as she writes in the book, is this devastating equation: "God is good – just not to us. God

is present, but not with us. God is gracious, but not to us. These thoughts lead to a cancerous self-hate, reinforcing the lie that our sickness is beyond God's reach."

The problem is that some people come from families that have struggled for generations. Others have been abused. Some have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, chronic anxiety, eating disorders or blinding migraines. All of this leads to intense shame.

There are clergy, she added, who acknowledge that "some of these problems are outside our wheelhouse" – so they maintain lists of professional resources and form partnerships with licensed counselors. It's also important to notice if pastors ever preach on subjects linked to anxiety and depression, mentioning that their congregations want to help.

"We need our pastors to make this a normal topic in the life of the church, not something that is seen as abnormal or strange to talk about," said Robinson. "People need to know there are all kinds of issues here, not just something wrong with your 'thought life.' You can't deal with a chemical imbalance by fixing your 'thought life.' ...

"We need a team. We need spiritual support. We need small groups. But in some cases, we need doctors. We need professionals. Churches have to know that they can't have a one-size-fits-all solution to these kinds of problems."

Terry Mattingly leads Get Religion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Indiana man faces 10th civil suit after sentence for molesting children

JEFFERSONVILLE (AP) — A southern Indiana man sentenced to 120 years in prison for molesting 20 children while working at a YMCA and an elementary school is facing a 10th civil lawsuit stemming from that abuse.

Michael Begin, 21, pleaded guilty in January 2019 to 20 counts of child molestation and was sentenced by a Clark County judge to the maximum 120-year sentence, with the final 20 years to be served on probation. Prosecutors said the Jef-

ersonville man's young victims ranged in age from 3 to 8.

The victims' families filed nine civil lawsuits against Begin during 2018, with most also naming the YMCA and Greater Clark County Schools Corporation as defendants.

An attorney for one of the families filed a civil tort on March 24 that names just Begin and the YMCA as defendants, the News and Tribune reported. That suit requests a judgment against the YMCA in an amount to be proven at trial and also

seeks attorney fees.

The new lawsuit alleges that the YMCA failed in not properly notifying the school district of the molestation allegations, or that Begin had been suspended in September 2017 due to an alleged child sexual assault, thereby allowing more children to be molested over the following month.

Of the nine civil cases filed in 2018, some have been closed due to agreements reached, but at least one is headed for a jury trial, set for June in Clark County.

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Obituaries

Elaine Ruth Niccum

April 17, 1930 - March 30, 2021

Elaine Ruth Niccum, 90, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:20 am, Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. She was born April 17, 1930 in Wabash, to Lawrence William and Mary Arlene (Dewey) Keller.

Elaine was a 1948 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Richard K. Niccum at the Wabash Christian Church on Aug. 14, 1949. Elaine was a homemaker and a member of the Wabash Alliance Church. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, and made clothes for all of her children. She also enjoyed singing hymns, gardening, oil painting of photographs, and cooking. She taught Sunday School several years, and also taught the Good News Club (Child Evangelism Fellowship).

She is survived by her husband, Richard K. Niccum of Wabash, 12 children, Sherry Burkett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, John (Penny) Niccum of Akron, Indiana, Jake (Colleen) Niccum of Tucson, Arizona, Jewel (Kelvin) Diller of Fort Wayne, Richard Niccum of Columbia City, Indiana, Bill (Pam) Niccum of Fort Wayne, Tim (Julian) Niccum of Xenia, Ohio, Rose (Mitch) Springer of Berne, Indiana, Ben (Julie) Niccum of Lebanon,



Indiana, Joe (JoMay) Niccum of Westerville, Ohio, Jeremy Niccum of Wabash, Indiana, and Chad (Chony) Niccum of Wabash, 28 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandson, brother, Don (Carol) Keller of Florida, and her half sister, Sheila (James) Hacker. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, George Keller, Lawrence Keller, and Frank Morris, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Todd Render officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Elaine may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Suzanne B. (Estabrook) Dale

Sept. 7, 1941 - March 16, 2021

Suzanne B. (Estabrook) Dale, 79, died March 16, 2021, at home in Broomfield, Colorado of complications from congestive heart failure. Loving care from husband, Loren Dale, with support from children and grandchildren eased her peaceful passing.

Sue was born Sept. 7, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois and was raised as the youngest of four daughters by William Bernard Estabrook and Mary E. (Congdon) Estabrook. Sue married Loren on Nov. 5, 1960 in Chicago.

Together Sue and Loren moved to Freehold, New Jersey, where they had their two children. Sue worked at a Prudential Insurance office and Loren worked at Bell Labs. In 1969, they moved with Bell Labs to Boulder, Colorado.

A couple of years later, they settled in Broomfield. Sue then worked for many different local businesses and nannied for several families in the area. Baking at Karen's Country Kitchen in Louisville, Colorado, Sue was known for her pies, especially her lemon meringue and her award winning chocolate peanut butter pie.

She was preceded in death



by her parents, and sisters Florence "Nancy" DeVries and Marlene Crook. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Loren; her children, Laurie (Kevin) Morell of Texas and Brian (Jennifer Grush) Dale of Idaho; plus her beloved grandchildren, John and Grace; and her sister, Phyllis Hotwagner of Illinois. She will be interred in the Wabash Friends Cemetery at a later date.

Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, kids and husband. She also enjoyed the Hallmark Channel, baking at home, Sudoku puzzles, and studying her Bible. She made sure family was taken care of, until even her final words, "I love you."

easily be able to contact any of our departments and find answers to the most commonly asked questions with the newly added 'How do I?' section. We are very excited for the community to be able to use the new website as a resource for community information."

Long said the most notable features of the new website are the visual elements, "ease of information access, fillable online forms and a vast number of resources."

"The goal was to create recognizable points of interests and people to not only improve user experience but also to evoke emotions of joy and pride in our community," said Long. "The site includes many new features to help users quickly and easily navigate the site and connect them to key organizations in the community."

eGov Strategies is based in Indianapolis and also offers payment services to local governments, in addition to website building.

For more information, visit cityofwabash.com.

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COVID

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PVAX or ask 211 for a site offering the Pfizer vaccine.

Vaccination clinics that are part of the federal vaccine program, including those at Meijer and Kroger, appear on the clinic map at <https://ourshot.in.gov> but are scheduled through those retailers' platforms, not through the state centralized system.

Gary mass vaccination site to open next week

Also on Friday, the ISDH announced that appointments are now open for the mass vaccination clinic being opened at Gary's Roosevelt Park in Gary next week in partnership with FEMA. Appointments for the first mobile sites across northern Indiana are now available as well. Hoosiers can go to ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to schedule.

The clinic will be a drive-thru operation but will have a walk-up option for individuals who arrive by bus or other means of transportation. The drive-thru entrance is located at 2145 Harrison St., Gary. The walk-up entrance can be accessed at 730 W. 25th Ave.

The mobile clinics will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT as follows:

■ From Wednesday, April 7 through Saturday, April 10 at Pentecostal Temple Church, 2722 Wabash St., Michigan City.

■ From Wednesday, April 7 through Friday, April 9 at Mer-

rieville Parks and Recreation Department, 6600 Broadway, Merrillville.

The Gary Public Transportation Corp. (GPTC) bus system is providing free rides to the Roosevelt site to people who show the driver their appointment confirmation. IU Health also is providing free transportation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. To schedule transportation through IU Health, call 888-484-3258.

The fixed site in Gary will be able to administer up to 2,000 vaccinations per day. Also, the mobile units will be deployed to nine counties across northern Indiana during the eight weeks. Two mobile units will be deployed at a time, and each can administer up to 500 vaccinations a day.

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to 3,422, with 14,679 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 5.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 7.8 percent.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced 1,256 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 688,916 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 12,662 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 20 from the previous day. Another 407 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,267,629 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,262,518 on Thursday. A total of 8,975,412 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by Northern District director Andrianne Berger on Civil War music.

Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

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more information, call 260-563-3511.

Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening.

The purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Linda Thompson at 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

The CDC director fears 'impending doom.' You should too

It's like a flashback to a bad fever dream. A year after COVID-19 ravaged New York City, infections there are creeping up again and in other hot spots across the country, despite the largest vaccination push the nation has ever undertaken. The average number of COVID-19 cases recorded over the previous seven days has risen 10 percent in the past week, and hospitalizations are ticking up as well. Rising numbers of new infections in New Jersey, New York and Michigan are worrisome.

These signs of a coming fourth wave of COVID-19 prompted a rare moment of emotion Monday from one of the country's leading infectious disease fighters. "Right now, I'm scared," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky said during a COVID-19 briefing, adding that she's having recurring feelings of "impending doom." Walensky urged people to remain careful for just a few more weeks, pleading: "Please hold on a little while longer."

We can see why she's so concerned. With the prospect of millions more COVID-19 vaccine deliveries rolling out in weeks to come, states have been shucking mask mandates and dropping restrictions as if the pandemic were over. On a recent Friday this month, more people traveled by airplane in the United States than on any day since the national emergency was declared. The spring break crowds got so out of hand in Miami Beach this month that

city officials declared a state of emergency and curfew.

Look, we are feeling optimistic too. The end seems close; as Walensky put it, "We have so much to look forward to, so much promise and potential of where we are, and so much reason for hope." But shortsighted thinking could so easily force us backward in the critical race against a deadly disease that has killed about 550,000 people in the U.S.

Falling behind even a little comes with grave consequences. And not just because of the sickness and death that comes with it. As scientists have been warning for months, continued spread of the virus allows greater possibility of new, more drug-resistant or more deadly strains. Although the U.S. has made admirable headway on inoculations, with 28 percent of Americans having received at least one dose (and with new research showing that after two weeks, even a single shot provides 80 percent protection from COVID-19), this is no time to relax.

California, which suffered its worst surge earlier this year, is still on a good track. The average number of positive test results in the previous seven days is just 1.6 percent, and we can keep it low by making the right decisions now. That will require continued vigilance by everyone even when it seems the danger is passing, as well as sustained efforts by state and local authorities to distribute vaccines in hardest-hit communities, which suffered dispro-

portionately from COVID-19 yet had the least access to the vaccine during the first weeks of the rollout.

For that reason, it's a little worrisome that the federal government is planning to shut down two mass vaccination operations in California, at Cal State L.A. and the Oakland Coliseum, on April 11, just four days before the state opens access to shots to everyone older than 16. The sites were launched in February in partnership with the state as part of a larger campaign to focus on inoculating Black and Latino Americans. As part of the effort, the sites got a separate supply of doses on top of the state's regular allocation.

It may not be necessary to keep those locations running as is. In Los Angeles, for example, Dodger Stadium could do thousands more shots if it had a large enough supply. But officials must remain focused on especially vulnerable communities, and state and local authorities should insist that the federal government continue to dedicate extra doses to meet those goals at least for a few more months.

President Biden, who is urging the governors and mayors who lifted their mask mandates to reimpose them (good luck with that), characterized this moment as a race against time to stop another terrible wave of COVID-19 from flooding the U.S. He's half right. It's a race, but against human nature.

— This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



Collecting can get squirrelly

I've been trying to make sense of NFTs, those digital creations called "non-fungible tokens" that can sell for millions of dollars.

So, naturally, I thought of the squirrel.

It showed up one day underneath the tree that stood in the outdoor break area for Fort Wayne Newspapers, the umbrella company for the morning Journal Gazette and afternoon News-Sentinel. Only JG columnist Frank Gray and I were there at the time, and the squirrel walked right up.

One of us, I don't remember which, threw down a bite of a snack brought out from a vending machine, and the squirrel ate it. For the next several days, Frank and I kept going to the tree with snacks, and the squirrel kept coming up to accept them.

Then one day, the squirrel just wasn't there, having gone the way of other squirrels, to a tree in a better neighborhood or to meet his destiny as the blue plate special at the roadkill cafe.

But he was already destined to become legend. So, on my next birthday, Mary, one of my office pals, gave me a stuffed squirrel as a present. I whipped out my Swiss Army Knife and cut off the tag, which caused Mary to gasp in horror so loudly that I thought she might be having a stroke.

"You have destroyed its value!" she screeched.

Turns out the critter was a Beanie Baby, and Mary was a collector.

Beanie Babies, some of you might recall, became a craze in the 1990s when people started buying them not just as toys but as an "investment" sure to keep increasing in value, which they did, until, of course, they didn't.

A few people got out at the top of the bubble, when Beanies were selling online for 10 times their original cost and some rare ones went for six figures, making a killing. Their creator, Ty Warner, became a billionaire.

But many more people held on too long until the bubble burst, their thousands in investment suddenly a relatively worthless pile of pellet-stuffed toy animals.

Think of NFTs as the digital equivalent of Beanie Babies. They have no physical reality, existing only as images in the cloud and visible only through electronic devices. When people "buy" one, they are in essence just buying a ticket proving they "own" the original, even though the creator might retain the copyright and millions of reproductions might be viewed for free by anyone with a laptop or a cellphone.

That makes no sense at all.

On the other hand, neither does paying millions of dollars for the original of "Starry Night" or "American Gothic" when anyone can enjoy a perfectly good copy for a few bucks. They're not paying that much because they appreciate art but because they believe the art will appreciate.

I had a print of Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks" on my office wall for 30 years and looked at it every day, and I now have it at home. The painting's sense of bleak isolation speaks to something primal in me. I went once to see the original at the Art Institute of Chicago and, frankly, it didn't impress me any

more than my copy.

As for collectibles, I think they should have some intrinsic value other than their potential to whet my greed.

I once had about 100 cookbooks, until a storm took out a window in my sunroom and they were drenched in rain. Of course, anytime I needed a recipe I googled it, but the books were always there for me to browse, food porn for my depraved gastric needs.

My sister collects cookie jars in the shape of cats. Of course, she doesn't keep cookies in any of them, but I don't see her rubbing her hands together in glee and plotting to buy an island in the Caribbean when she sells them off. She just likes cats.

I have my tagless Beanie Baby squirrel at home, now, too, sitting beside my laptop. It's a reminder of a few pleasant days under a tree and serves as a warning not to get stupid with money. If somebody tempts me with an NFT of a squirrel under a tree, eating peanut butter crackers from somebody's hand, I will resist. What's worth \$200 today and \$69 million tomorrow will just be worthless pixels the day after tomorrow.

My brother the computer programmer (who collects guns, which he actually shoots, at his own range) once told me a saying from the early digital age: If you computerize a mess, you just get a faster mess.

That wisdom still holds. If you computerize investment stupidity, you just get faster stupidity.

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A \$1 lesson to improve campus speech

Until Chike Uzuegbunam sued Georgia Gwinnett College, this public institution had performed the public service of instituting a speech code so restrictive that it exposed the entire idea of such codes to wholesome ridicule. When the college pivoted 180 degrees, embracing free speech, Uzuegbunam did not drop his suit. He wanted to make a point: that college officials could be held accountable. So, he pressed on, no longer seeking injunctive relief from the college's flagrantly unconstitutional conduct, but still seeking nominal damages. A dollar would do, and if the college had paid it, this might have prevented the chief justice of the United States from mistakenly disagreeing with his eight colleagues.

It would, however, have deprived the nation of an instructive story about the expressive function of the law.

Uzuegbunam is an evangelical Christian who takes seriously Jesus' directive to "teach all nations." He wanted to start with Gwinnett, where he was a student, but the college responded: Never mind the nations, you can proselytize only on the 0.0015 percent of our 260 acres where advocacy speech is permitted — but only if you reserve a spot and your speech does not disturb anyone's "comfort." Uzuegbunam spoke in the prescribed place and stopped when a campus police officer said someone had complained.

It is difficult nowadays to be on the cutting edge of academic absurdity, but Gwinnett got there two ways. First, it stipulated that the First Amendment covers only wee slivers of campus: "free speech expression areas" available only four hours Monday through Thursday, and two hours on Friday, and which individual speakers could reserve only once every 30 days. Then Gwinnett argued that Uzuegbunam's discussion of gentle Jesus meek and mild was "contentious" language with "a tendency to incite hostility," and hence constituted "fighting words" unprotected by the Constitution.

When Gwinnett realized that it was not drawing beneficial attention to itself, it scrapped its entire speech-restricting rigmarole, probably expecting that Uzuegbunam would be mollified. He was not.

This child of Nigerian immigrants has acquired this country's litigious spirit, and he pressed his case for nominal damages. A district court held that his claim was insufficient to keep his case alive after Gwinnett surrendered on the speech restrictions. A circuit court agreed, saying that because Uzuegbunam was not seeking compensatory damages, his claim for nominal damages was insufficient to establish his standing to sue.

Last Monday, the Supreme Court, considering not Gwinnett's conduct but the two lower courts' rulings, disagreed with them. It held 8-to-1 that Uzuegbunam had been injured by Gwinnett's conduct, and that the nominal damages he sought would redress his injury. In an opinion joined by everyone but Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., Justice Clarence Thomas rejected the idea that nominal damages are "a mere judicial token that provides no actual benefit to the plaintiff." They provide a plaintiff with "relief on the merits of his claim." Including a claim, as Justice Samuel Alito Jr. said in January's oral argument in this case, when the violation "can't be easily monetized."

Roberts, dissenting, noted that the Constitution restricts judicial power to the resolution of "cases" and "controversies," and he said the Uzuegbunam episode no longer qualifies as either. He said: When, as in this case, plaintiffs "allege neither actual damages nor the prospect of future injury, an award of nominal damages does not change their status or condition at all. Such an award instead represents a judicial determination that the plaintiffs' interpretation of the law is correct — nothing more."

That, however, is not nothing. It confers on the plaintiff the status of a vindicator of rights, and it puts on notice those who are, or might contemplate, acting on incorrect interpretations of the law.

Justice Elena Kagan addressed this point in January's oral argument. Citing the case in which a jury awarded Taylor Swift the \$1 she sought from a Denver radio host she accused of groping her, Kagan suggested that this was Swift's thinking: "I'm not really interested in your money. I just want a dollar, and that dollar is going to represent something both to me and to the world of women who have experienced what I've experienced." Kagan said Swift sought the dollar because it would "say that she had been harmed. Why not?"

Just so. On innumerable campuses, students are being harmed by speech-restriction regimes that chill the free flowing of intellectual differences. A nominal award from Georgia Gwinnett College to Uzuegbunam would acknowledge his injury and stigmatize the college's behavior, and similar behavior elsewhere, as unconstitutional. Neither consequence would be nominal.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday April 3, the 93rd day of 2021.

There are 272 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that "I've been to the mountain-top" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

On this date:

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Ham it up for Easter

A glazed ham is an easy way to prepare a celebratory Easter dinner – or any dinner, for that matter. It's also a gift that keeps on giving, yielding a generous portion of meat that can be shared and repurposed in sandwiches, eggs, hash, soups and salads.

Ham is so easy to prepare because you begin with a fully cooked store-bought ham. The long cook that you will do in the oven or on the grill is essentially a long warm-up, to thoroughly heat the meat and finish the process with a glaze toward the end of the cooking time to give it a crispy, glossy sheen. The glaze can be simple, but should include fruit and sugar, which will naturally balance the saltiness of the ham, while ensuring a crispy, caramelized lacquer.

The glaze in this recipe is spiked with bourbon. The alcohol burns off when you cook the glaze, leaving behind smoky, honeyed

notes that complement the apricot and maple syrup. A little mustard and lemon juice add body and sharpness.

For best results, purchase a good-quality ham with the bone or partial bone in, which adds more flavor to the ham while cooking. Avoid a spiral ham, because it will easily dry out. Roast the ham in the oven or, better yet, on the grill. Grilling the ham creates another dimension of flavor from the smoke, and also frees up your oven if you have other dishes to prepare. This recipe provides instructions for both methods.

Apricot Bourbon Glazed Ham

Active Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 3 hours
Yield: Serves: 8 to 10

1 bone-in half ham, fully cooked and smoked, 8 to 10 pounds (not spiralized)

Apricot Bourbon Glaze:

3/4 cup apricot preserves

1/2 cup bourbon

1/4 cup maple syrup

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Remove the ham from the refrigerator 30 minutes to 1 hour before cooking. With the tip of a sharp knife, score the rind and about 1/4 inch of the fat in a 1-inch crisscross pattern on all sides except the cut side.

Combine the glaze ingredients in a small saucepan over medium-low heat.

Simmer until the preserves dissolve, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes.

If oven roasting, preheat

the oven to 300 degrees.

Place the ham cut-side

down on a rack in a large roasting pan. Pour 1/2 cup

water in the bottom of the

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If using a grill, prepare the grill for indirect cooking over medium-low heat (about 300 degrees). Place the ham directly in a grill pan. Grill over indirect heat with the grill lid closed for 1 1/2 hours. Brush with some of the glaze.

Continue to cook until the internal temperature regis-

ters 135 degrees when an

instant-read thermometer is

inserted close to the bone

without touching (about 1

to 1 1/2 more hours more),

brushing the glaze over the

ham every 20 to 30 minutes

or so. The ham should

transfer the ham to a cutting board and let rest for 20 minutes. If desired, pour the pan juices into the remaining glaze. Carve the ham into serving pieces

and serve with the glaze.

notes that complement the apricot and maple syrup. A little mustard and lemon juice add body and sharpness.

Apricot Bourbon Glazed Ham

Active Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 3 hours
Yield: Serves: 8 to 10

1 bone-in half ham, fully cooked and smoked, 8 to 10 pounds (not spiralized)

Apricot Bourbon Glaze:

3/4 cup apricot preserves

1/2 cup bourbon

1/4 cup maple syrup

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

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Blocking of Indiana cigarette tax hike frustrates advocates

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Supporters of boosting Indiana's cigarette tax expressed frustration Friday with a decision by state Senate Republicans to drop any increase from their state budget proposal being released

next week.

The removal of the 50 cents-per-pack increase that was included in the House budget bill is the latest rejection of a cigarette tax hike by Republicans who dominate the Senate. For several years, they have blocked any increase of the current 99.5 cents-per-pack

rate that was last raised in 2007.

A coalition of health and business groups has pushed for a \$2-per-pack increase, calling it a needed step toward driving down Indiana's 21.1 percent smoking rate for adults, which was the fourth highest in the country for 2018, according to the

federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Brinegar argued it "boils down to the decision makers in the Senate majority caucus just are not looking at this from the right perspective."

Brinegar said senators

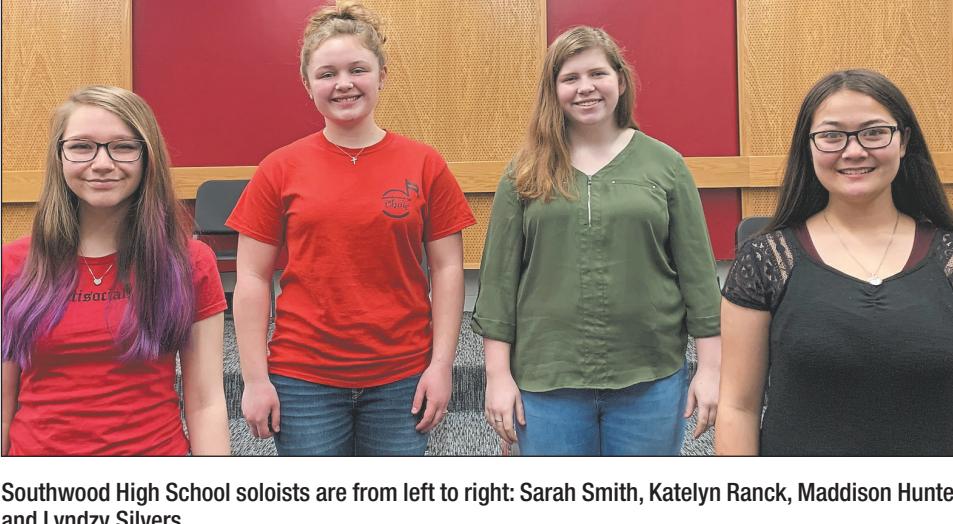
were weighing the tax increase on whether it was needed for the budget rather than using it to reduce smoking.

"The reason we're advocating for this is to reduce our smoking rate because it has been demonstrated through study after study that raising the tax on tobacco products is the best way to reduce smoking rate," Brinegar said.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said Thursday that the cigarette tax increase was being stripped from the budget plan as it didn't have enough support among GOP senators.



Southwood High School soloists are from left to right: Front row: Kenlie Lambert, Olivia Cummins, Emma Adams and Isabel Davis; Back row: Isaac King, Micah Dale and Cage Dubois. Isaac Bragg was not pictured.



Southwood High School soloists are from left to right: Sarah Smith, Katelyn Ranck, Maddison Hunter and Lyndzy Silvers.



Southwood seventh grade ensemble students are from left to right: Front row: Rachel Lawson, Mazie Ghrist and Natalie Sutphin. Back row: Olivia Simpson, Sylvia Bakehorn and Isabel Ashba.



From left to right: Back row: Aaliyah Bussard and Grace Drake. Middle row: Sarah Grace, Jordn Hartline and Madison Grace; Front row: Logan Robberts and Cooper Drake.

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Cummins singing "The Black Dress," Makenlie Lambert singing "A Little China Figure" and Lyndzy Silvers singing "When Love is Kind."

■ Other Southwood High School students receiving gold ratings were: Group III: Emma Adams singing "The Ash Grove," Sarah Smith singing "Scarborough Fair" and Isaac Bragg singing "Red River Valley." Soloist Maddison Hunter received a silver rating in Group I singing "Who'll Buy My Lavender." Small Girls' ensemble of Olivia Cummins, Gracen Kelley, Isabel Davis, singing "Dance On My Heart" received a silver place

rating in Group I. Small Boys' ensemble of Micah Dale, Isaac King, and Cage DuBois singing "Viva Tutti" received a bronze place rating in Group I.

Junior high school results

Receiving first ratings were:

■ Group IV: Vocal solo: Emily Lochard singing "Castle on a Cloud," Rachel Lawson singing "Beauty and the Beast," Fritz Kirk singing "Skye Boat Song," Malia Mahan singing "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," Madison Grace singing "My Favorite Things," Grace Drake singing "The Wind," Natalie Sutphin singing "My Favorite Things," Sylvia Bakehorn singing "The Girl I Mean to Be" and

McKenzie Morman singing "Castle on a Cloud."

■ Small girls ensemble of Mazie Ghrist, Olivia Simpson, Rachel Lawson, Natalie Sutphin, Sylvia Bakehorn, and Isabel Ashba singing "About Katy."

■ The large ensemble included Grace Drake, McKenzie Moorman, Madison Grace, Sarah Grace, Meryn Norman, Aaliyah Bussard, Jordn Hartline, Taylor Cavins, Cooper Drake and Logan Robberts singing "Heaven Ev'rywhere."

■ Piano solo: Sylvia Bakehorn, playing "Sunset in Madrid" received a silver rating.

■ Keefer is the choral director and accompanist.

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Photos provided
Pathfinder Services President and CEO Danielle Tips prepare for the ribbon-cutting for the new Group Home at 260 Half Street in Wabash. Pictured in the back from left to right are Rayco Home Services co-owner Edward Pharoah, Pathfinder Services real estate manager Tim Federspiel, Pathfinder Services home manager Maranda Smith, Mayor Scott Long and Pathfinder Services senior director of community services Sandy Wing.

PATHFINDER

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Services. PNC Bank representatives helped with writing the grant for the home. Mayor Scott Long led the city of Wabash in doing some infrastructure work to ensure the site was ready for a new residence.

"The work that Pathfinder does is critical to our community and we are pleased to be able to be a good partner," said Long. "Between the new Pathfinder Services office dedicated last week that was built on an old Brownfield site on Cass Street and this new home that was on land that had been for sale for a very long time, we continue to work together to make Wabash a better city for people of all abilities."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was the closing event in a month full of activities for Disability Awareness Month in all the communities served by Pathfinder Services.

On Tuesday, March 23 Pathfinder Services and the city held another ceremony proclaiming March as Disability Awareness Month in Wabash as part of the ribbon-cutting for the new Pathfinder Services office at 407 S. Cass St.

The new structure more than doubles the space of the previous facility and "allows for more services to be provided for individuals with



Photos provided
Mayor Scott Long prepares for the ribbon-cutting for the new Group Home. Pictured from left to right are Pathfinder Services president and CEO Danielle Tips, Rayco Home Services co-owner Edward Pharoah, Pathfinder Services real estate manager Tim Federspiel and Pathfinder Services home manager Maranda Smith.

intellectual and developmental disabilities," said Hahn.

The city contributed \$20,000 to the project to help with the installation of water and utility services.

Hahn said a proclamation similar to Wabash's was read by Huntington Mayor Richard Strick on Monday, March 8 at the Pathfinder Services Huntington office.

From Monday, March 8 through Friday, March 12, Pathfinder Services held Spirit Week, with different colors representing different disabilities each day. Yellow was worn on Monday to highlight Communication Disabilities, blue on Tuesday for Intellectual Disabilities, green on

Wednesday for Psychological Disabilities, orange on Thursday for Physical Disabilities and purple every Friday in March for Disability Awareness Month in general.

Other events in Huntington included storytime with Strick at Pathfinder Kids Kampus and a collaborative art project with Strick and artists served by Pathfinder Community Supports at Creative Abilities in the Café of Hope.

For more information, Hahn may be reached by email at nhahn@pathfinderservices.org.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, April 4 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The morning message will be, "I Believe, I Don't Know, I Don't Want to Make a Decision" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commanding our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Easter Sunday, April 4, worship services at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., are at

8 a.m. Sunrise Service and the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Pastor Tom Richards' sermon reflection is titled "Do You Believe In Easter?" Worship services will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

If you can't make it to the Live Services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Face-

book page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchesterccb.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40

minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://www.NMMC1.com).

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. At this time we are not having Sunday School. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 4. The sermon will be taken from John 20:1-18 titled, "Resurrected." We will be taking an offering up for The Phiri's.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Ur-

bana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanyokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "I Am the Living One." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn and the youth pastor is Jody Tyner. For more information, call 765-833-9931, fax 765-833-6561 or mail P.O. Box 11, Roann, IN 46974.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Guest Preacher.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by

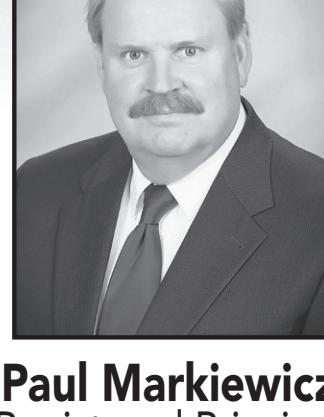
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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Lieutenant: Kneeling on Floyd's neck 'totally unnecessary'

By STEVE KARNOWSKI,
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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kneeling on George Floyd's neck while he was handcuffed and lying on his stomach was top-tier, deadly force and "totally unnecessary," the head of the Minneapolis Police Department's homicide division testified Friday.

"If your knee is on a person's neck, that can kill him," said Lt. Richard Zimmerman, adding that when a person is handcuffed behind their back, "your muscles are pulling back ... and if you're laying on your chest, that's constricting your breathing even more."

Zimmerman, who said he is the most senior person on the police force, also testified at Derek Chauvin's murder trial that once Floyd was handcuffed, he saw "no reason for why the officers felt they were in danger — if that's what they felt — and that's what they would have to feel to be able to use that kind of force."

"So in your opinion, should that restraint have stopped once he was handcuffed and thrown on the ground?" prosecutor Matthew Frank asked.

"Absolutely," replied Zimmerman, who said he has never been trained to kneel on someone's neck.

He also testified that officers have a duty to provide care for a person in distress, even if an ambulance already has been called.

Officers kept restraining Floyd — with Chauvin kneeling on his neck, another kneeling on Floyd's back and a third holding his feet — until the ambulance arrived, even after he became unresponsive.

One officer asked twice if they should roll Floyd on his side to aid his breathing, and later said calmly that he thought Floyd was passing out. Another checked Floyd's wrist for a pulse and said he couldn't find one.

Under cross examination, Chauvin attorney Eric Nelson peppered Zimmerman with questions about the use of force, pointing out that officers must consider the entire

situation — including what is happening with a suspect, whether the suspect is under the influence, and other surrounding hazards, such as a crowd.

The defense has argued that Chauvin did what he was trained to do when he encountered Floyd last May and that Floyd's death was caused not by the knee on his neck — as prosecutors contend — but by drugs, his underlying health conditions and adrenaline. An autopsy found fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system.

Chauvin is also heard on body-camera footage defending his decision to an onlooker after Floyd was taken away by paramedics, saying: "We gotta control this guy 'cause he's a sizable guy ... and it looks like he's probably on something."

Chauvin, 45 and white, is charged with killing Floyd by pinning his knee on the 46-year-old Black man's neck for 9 minutes, 29 seconds, as he lay face-down in handcuffs. Floyd had been accused of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at a neighborhood market.

Zimmerman agreed with Nelson that a person who is handcuffed still can pose a threat and can continue to thrash around.

And he agreed when Nelson asked if officers who believe they're in a fight for their lives could use "whatever force is reasonable and necessary," including by improvising.

"Did you see any need for Officer Chauvin to improvise by putting his knee on Mr. Floyd for 9 minutes and 29 seconds?" Frank later asked Zimmerman.

"No, I did not," said Zimmerman, who said that based on his review of police body camera footage, the officers did not appear to be in danger from Floyd or about 15 onlookers.

Nelson has suggested that the bystanders — many of whom were shouting at Chauvin to get off Floyd as he went motionless — may have distracted officers and affected their response. The prosecution, however, noted that officers on the scene did not call for backup.

March hiring accelerated to 916K, yet many jobs remain lost

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — America's employers unleashed a burst of hiring in March, adding 916,000 jobs in a sign that a sustained recovery from the pandemic recession is taking hold as vaccinations accelerate, stimulus checks flow through the economy and businesses increasingly reopen.

The March increase — the most since August — was nearly double February's gain of 468,000, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate declined from 6.2 percent to 6 percent.

Even with last month's robust increase, the economy remains more than 8 million jobs short of the number it had before the pandemic erupted a little over a year ago. But with the recovery widely expected to strengthen, many forecasters predict enough hiring in the coming months to recover nearly all those lost jobs by year's end.

Regaining all those jobs, though, will be a daunting task.

"We can rejoice in these numbers, but we still have a lot of work to do," said Jane Oates, president of Working-Nation and a former Labor Department official. "There are millions of workers we need to get back into jobs."

Bond investors sent yields higher, a sign that financial markets are optimistic about a solid recovery that could produce higher prices for some goods and services. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose from 1.68 percent to 1.71 percent. Stock markets are closed for Good Friday.

The brightening outlook for the labor market follows a year of epic job losses, waves of coronavirus infections and small business closures. Numerous signs suggest that the economy is improving. Consumer confidence in March reached its highest level since the pandemic intensified.

A survey found that manufacturing grew in March at its fastest pace since 1983. And vaccinations are

increasingly being administered, although new confirmed infections have risen from lower levels in recent weeks.

Speaking after the government issued the jobs report, President Joe Biden said it showed that his \$1.9 trillion financial rescue package — which included \$1,400 checks to most adults — was already boosting the economy. Biden argued, though, that further assistance in the form of the infrastructure package his administration unveiled this week, was needed to sustain the gains.

"The fight's far from over," the president said in televised remarks. "The progress we've worked so hard to achieve can be reversed."

Yet many Republican lawmakers have already pointed to the burgeoning economy as evidence that further government support isn't needed.

Last month, hiring strengthened across the economy. Restaurants, hotels and bars — the sector most damaged by the virus — added 216,000 jobs. Construction companies, aided by better weather after severe storms in February, gained 110,000.

Manufacturers added 53,000. And professional and business services, which include such well-paying fields as engineering and architecture, gained 66,000.

The pandemic recession inflicted job losses disproportionately on racial minorities and lower-income workers. Wealthier and well-educated workers have been far less likely to lose jobs, in large part because of a greater ability to work from home. Much of the hiring now occurring at bars, restaurants and other areas of the hospitality industry is helping to close that gap, though there's still a long way to go.

Last month, in an encouraging sign, about 500,000 women returned to the workforce and found jobs, in part a reflection of school re-openings around the country. Women disproportionately quit jobs or stopped looking for work during the

pandemic, in many cases because they had to care for children attending school online from home. A reversal of that trend will be important as employers seek to rapidly rehire.

Friday's jobs report pointed to some challenges ahead. The number of people who have been out of work for six months or more — who tend to face a particularly hard time finding a job — increased. They now constitute more than 40 percent of the unemployed.

And the number of people who say they've permanently lost their jobs barely declined in March. Many of the people who did find jobs last month had been classified as temporarily unemployed.

But optimism is rising, in part because the \$1,400 checks in Biden's economic relief plan have sharply increased consumer spending, according to Bank of America's tracking of its debit and credit cards. Spending jumped 23 percent in the third week of March compared with pre-pandemic levels, the bank said.

Spending had begun to rise in March even before the stimulus checks arrived as viral case counts have tumbled from their heights in January. Americans are increasingly willing to venture out from home to travel and eat out, though not yet at their pre-pandemic pace.

Roughly 1.5 million people traveled through airports on March 28, according to the Transportation Services Administration. That was roughly eight times the figure of a year ago, although it was still down sharply from 2.5 million on the same day in 2019.

Hiring is increasing in higher-paying industries such as information technology and finance — a sign of growing confidence in the recovery. Businesses typically add such jobs only when they feel sure their customer demand will be sustained.

One high-tech company that's expanding its workforce is Olive, a healthcare artificial intelligence company based in Columbus,

Ohio, that links up disparate billing and insurance systems. The 600-person company has 90 open positions, including jobs for software engineers, product managers and financial analysts.

Olive has decided to continue remote work even after the pandemic has been controlled, said Sean Lane, the CEO. Productivity has increased since the company went remote, allowing him to recruit from nearly anywhere in the country. The company now has employees in 40 states.

"Our customers ... are eager to adopt several new technologies we are rolling out this year," Lane said. "We are confident in our growth plans."

Still, the surge of hiring last month raises an important question: Can it continue at the same pace? Besides the 8.4 million fewer jobs that now exist in the U.S. economy than just before the virus struck, an additional 2 million or so jobs would have been added in the past year under normal circumstances. That means the U.S. economy still needs roughly 11.5 million more jobs to regain something close to full health.

Louise Sheiner, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and formerly an economist at the Federal Reserve, has estimated that hiring could average between 700,000 and 1 million a month for the rest of the year, if the economy expands at the 6.5 percent pace that the Fed and many economists expect. That would leave total job growth for 2021 at somewhere between 7 million and 10 million.

In part, her forecast is based on the fact that the pandemic recession has deeply hurt labor-intensive parts of the economy, from hotels and restaurants to health care and the entertainment industry. A recovery in those sectors, even a partial one, would require significantly more hiring. In addition, Sheiner said, higher consumer spending, fueled by stimulus checks and pent-up savings, should drive job growth in other industries.

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Man talks about his will but won't put it in writing

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for seven years. We are in our 60s. He refuses to make a will. He tells me what he "would" put in his will and asks me if I am OK with his wishes.

He has an adult child from his first marriage and would like to include her in the will. I'm fine with what he wants. This conversation has been going on for more than five years now, but he never acts on it. I am very hurt and frustrated.

The house is in his name, and my name isn't even on his checking accounts. I resent him for this. There are times when I want to get a divorce because I feel if something should happen to him, I will have no security. I also think he is being selfish and unloving to me and his adult child to leave us in a situation where we would have to go through the probate process. Please help me to get through to him. — Resentful In Maine

DEAR RESENTFUL: Your husband may be afraid to face the idea of his own mortality. He wouldn't be the first. The two of you need to make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in wills and estates. If he doesn't put his wishes in writing, the assets he has worked so hard for may be seriously diminished when the state decides "for him" and takes a sizable chunk out of the estate.

While you are talking with the lawyer, there should also be a discussion of end-of-life planning. Does he want hospice? Palliative care? Do you know what his wishes are in the event he is unable to speak for himself? Those wishes should be in writing and so should YOURS. (This subject should also be raised with your doctor(s).)

Most people want to keep what they have worked for and decide for themselves what will happen when they die. Death is a fact of life, and hiding from it won't make it go away.

DEAR ABBY: I send out lots of greeting cards every year for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. I keep a large number of them on hand so I am prepared.

I received a Christmas card this year from an elderly family member that said: "Thank you for the insulting anniversary card." "Insulting" was underlined twice. I was dismayed. Their anniversary was last August. I have no idea which card I sent since I keep so many on hand. I am guessing it may have been a humorous card that they didn't find funny, but I'm not sure.

Both are very alert and oriented. What is the proper thing to do here? Do I call them and apologize when I have no idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one? I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thank you. — Confused In The Midwest

DEAR CONFUSED: Call the couple and ASK what it was about the card that upset them. Explain that it wasn't your intention to offend them, and apologize. DO send an anniversary card when the time comes, but when you do, make absolutely certain the message inside is appropriate.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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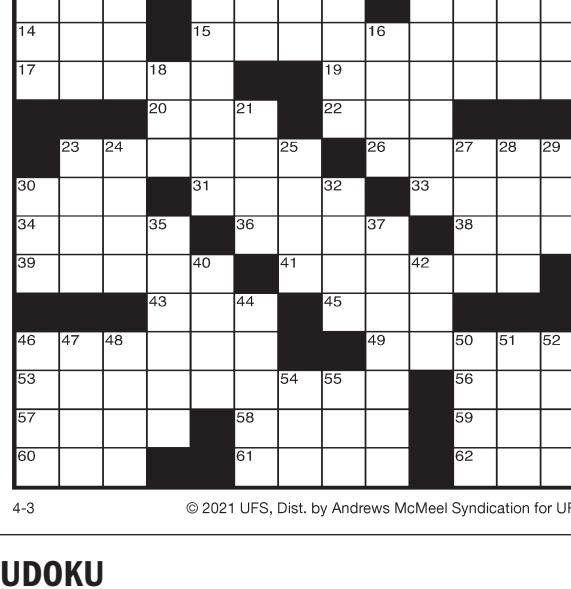
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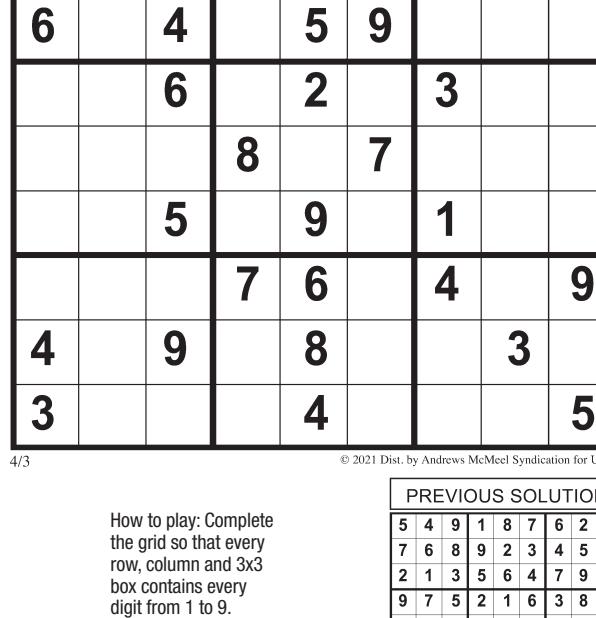
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MU outdoor track teams second in HCAC Preseason Poll

The Spartans will open the outdoor season on Saturday, April 3, at Hanover College

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced the results of the 2021 Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Preseason Poll, on Wednesday, March 31.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology was selected as the preseason favorites in

both preseason polls, while Manchester University was picked to finish second in the polls.

For the men, Rose-Hulman earned 90 points to claim the top spot in Wednesday's poll. Manchester was a close second with 80 points. Hanover College finished third with 64 points, while Bluffton University narrowly beat

out Defiance College with 54 and 53 points for fourth and fifth, respectively.

In the women's race, the Fightin' Engineers also took first place, collecting 90 points. Manchester was picked second, with 78 points, while Hanover finished just behind in third with 75 points. Rounding out the top five, Bluffton took fourth with 56 points and Franklin College finished in fifth with 48 points.

The Black and Gold both

placed second at the 2021 HCAC Indoor Track & Field Championships

Twelve Spartans were picked as "Athletes to Watch" by the league. MU will open the outdoor season on Saturday, April 3, at Hanover College.

The following are listed by name, class, hometown and events:

Men

■ Zackary Freel; sophomore; South Whitley; jumps

sprints.

■ Connor Havens; freshman; LaPorte; distance.

■ Brian Hochstetler; senior; Elkhart; throws.

■ Corey Nowlen; senior; Indianapolis; throws.

■ Thomas Richardson; sophomore; Ladoga; distance.

■ Enrique Salazar; sophomore; Plymouth; distance.

Women

■ Hannah Brubaker; sophomore; Goshen; distance.

tance.

■ Tara Conley; senior; Culver; throws.

■ Fiona Frost; junior; Indianapolis; distance.

■ Kendal Garringer; sophomore; Portland; jumps, sprints.

■ Lauren Smith; sophomore; Anderson; distance.

■ Adelle Stanko; sophomore; Okemos, Michigan; sprints, jumps.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Pinarski and Kresl named HCAC Players of the Week

After a strong 4-1 week, MU baseball swept this week's awards

By DILLON BENDER

After a strong 4-1 week, Manchester University baseball swept this week's conference player of the week awards.

Senior Michael Pinarski, from Goshen, was tabbed as the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Hitter of the Week, the league announced on Monday. Pinarski went 9-17 at the dish with three doubles and a home run last week. Pinarski scored five runs while collecting three RBIs. His hot play at the plate raised his season batting average to .347.

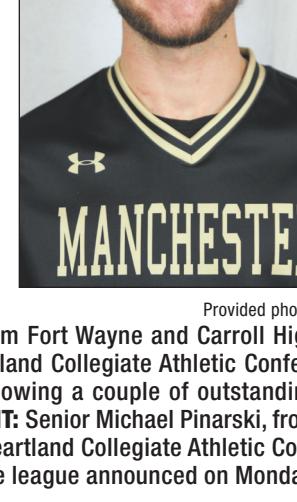
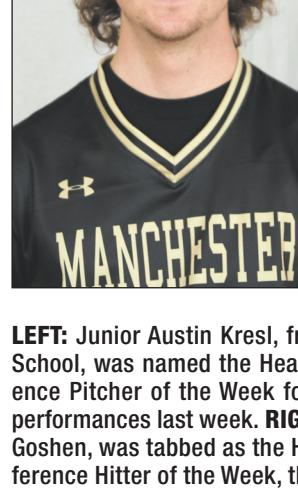
Additionally, Michael earned his first save of the season in Manchester's 5-4 win over Rose-Hulman. Pinarski ended the game

with back-to-back strikeouts, helping MU earn a doubleheader sweep over the Fightin' Engineers.

Junior Austin Kresl, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, was named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week following a couple of outstanding performances last week.

Kresl earned his first collegiate save in Wednesday's 11-8 win over Bluffton. Austin allowed just one hit in the ninth inning and registered a strikeout as he helped the Spartans close out the Beavers.

On Saturday afternoon, Austin pitched 10 full innings against Rose-Hulman, allowing just 1 run on 6 hits. He struck out 5 Engineers on the day. More impressively, Kresl threw



Provided photos
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just 97 pitches against RHIT - 71 of which were strikes. Manchester would go on to win the game 2-1 in extra innings.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

NCAA has not tested for drugs at championships

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA has not tested players for performance-enhancing drugs at March Madness and other recent college championships, The Associated Press has learned. Three people with direct knowledge of NCAA testing protocols said full-scale testing has not resumed since the coronavirus pandemic shut down college sports a year ago.

Although athletes may have been tested on campus, either through the NCAA program or those run by schools, the NCAA has not ramped up its usual testing program at national championships such as the men's and women's basketball tournaments. The tournaments wrap up with Final Four games starting with the women's semifinals Friday.

The NCAA has tested for drugs since 1986, and has changed and enhanced its policy over the years. Unlike some leagues and anti-doping organizations, it does not reveal the number of tests it conducts. Players who test positive can be kicked out of championships, and can lose a year or more of eligibility.

But the three people familiar with testing protocols told AP that the number of tests received from NCAA events went to zero after the COVID-19 pandemic shut down sports last spring. They said testing has recently resumed sporadically, but only via on-campus collections.

The people, who did not want their names used because of the sensitivity of the subject, all confirmed the same thing: No tests from the organization's signature events — the men's and women's basketball

sites, especially when they are ongoing. That would defeat the purpose of our unannounced testing at championships. Further, we do not announce when we perform our extensive year-round unannounced drug testing outside of championships."

BRIAN HAINLINE
NCAA chief medical officer

tournaments and, earlier this year, the college football playoffs — have been received by the labs that analyze the NCAA tests.

The NCAA wouldn't answer questions about specifics of its drug-testing program, and says the mere possibility of unannounced tests can be a deterrent to doping. In an email exchange with the AP, NCAA spokesman Chris Radford would not answer whether testing was being conducted for players after they arrived in Indianapolis and San Antonio for the tournaments in mid-March.

"We do not confirm drug testing at championships sites, especially when they are ongoing," the NCAA's chief medical officer, Brian Hainline, told AP in a follow-up email. "That would defeat the purpose of our unannounced testing at championships. Further, we do not announce when we perform our extensive year-round unannounced drug testing outside of championships."

This shutdown comes as the NCAA focuses on coronavirus testing as a way of keeping March Madness on track. On Thursday, NCAA president Mark Emmert said the association had conducted more than 41,000 COVID-19 tests over the course of the basketball tournaments.

Though drug testing in college sports doesn't receive as much scrutiny as

in Olympic sports, the issue has impacted major programs.

At the college football playoff that closed the 2018 season, three Clemson players were suspended after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug. In 2015, the NCAA sanctioned the Syracuse basketball program for a variety of violations, including not following its own drug-testing rules.

The NCAA manual on drug-testing says: "NCAA drug-testing is a possibility at any and all NCAA championship rounds and sites. However, as a best practice, the NCAA will not announce whether or not drug testing will occur at any specific venue."

While the unpredictability can work as a deterrent, some sports officials say not conducting actual tests can leave a sport open to doped athletes winning championships.

"If you don't actually follow through and do the testing, that could be perceived as a weak link," said Bob Copeland, who cleaned up a steroid-addled football program when he was athletic director at University of Waterloo in Canada. Copeland said he was speaking about doping protocols in general and wasn't familiar with the NCAA's rules.

The NCAA wasn't alone in putting its testing program on hiatus in the imme-

diate aftermath of the coronavirus outbreak. Sending collectors out to gather urine and blood samples was deemed too risky, and most U.S. and international testing programs went dark.

The anti-doping tests were deemed too important to leave shuttered for the long-term, however, and when major events such as the Olympics were placed back on the schedule, sports organizations started finding new ways to resume testing.

It's possible the NCAA didn't want to add sample collectors to the mix of people that would have to be cleared to have close contact with players at the arenas, which is where the urine collection traditionally takes place. It's also possible that the shift in focus has come as the NCAA invested heavily in COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 protocols. Typically, a doping test for college sports would cost between \$150 and \$200 to process, and only a fraction of players in a given game would be tested.

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The Manchester University men's soccer team scored a trio of first-half goals en route to a 3-0 victory at Bluffton on Wednesday, March 31.

The Black and Gold jumped out to an early lead following a score in the sixth minute off the foot of Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School. Josh Gonzalez, from Portage, provided the assist on the Kruschwitz goal.

In the 24th minute, Cory

Mitchell, from Maitland, Florida, and Winter Park High School, finished in the back of the net off of a delivery from Kruschwitz, pushing the Spartans' lead to 2-0.

Jacob Knepper, from Indianapolis and Mt. Vernon High School, would score the third and final goal for Manchester in the 39th minute.

On the day, the Black and Gold held an 18-7 advantage in shots taken.

Manchester improved to 5-3 HCAC with the win. MU hosted rival Anderson on Friday, April 2, at Spartan Stadium beginning at 4 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester men's soccer downs Bluffton 3-0 on Wednesday

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ed another run in the bottom of the 6th to grab a 6-2 lead.

Manchester would plate a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning but was unable to overtake the Yellow Jackets.

Alexis Mokos, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, went 3-4 in Game 1 with a run scored.

Four Spartans had multi-hit efforts in the second game on Monday: Kodi Douglass, Brook Reaves, Lizzie Smith, and Alexis Mokos.

Yellow Jacket pitcher Savannah McCoy was able to strand eight Spartan base-runners en route to her 3rd win of the season.

The Spartans will host nationally-ranked Transylvania on Saturday, April 3, at the MU Softball Field in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

Saturday's doubleheader will officially kickoff Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play.

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Defiance Yellow Jackets take two from Spartans

Manchester softball will host nationally-ranked Transylvania on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team dropped a road doubleheader at Defiance College on Monday afternoon.

The Yellow Jackets rallied for a come-from-behind victory in Monday's opener, winning by a final score of 6-4. Defiance College then followed with an 8-1 victory in the second game.

Game 1: Defiance defeated Manchester 6-4.

Game 2: Defiance defeated Manchester 8-1.

Senior Page Magner, from North Vernon and Jennings County High School, hit a two-run home run in the top of the first inning to put the Spartans ahead 2-0 in Monday's opening game.

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Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

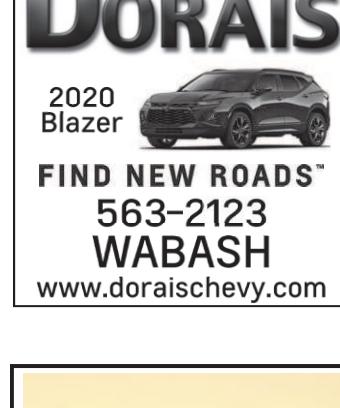
CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm



LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine.

Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.



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Salvation is ours because of Christ's crucifixion upon the cross. He died so that we could be forgiven. Salvation is God's gift to us; in return we can grow in wisdom and in the Spirit and spread God's love to others. In 1 John 4:16-17, we read, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way love is made complete among us." This Easter, accept God's gift of love and share it with joy!

Daily Scripture Readings

Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:36-53	Jonah 1:1-17	Jonah 2:1-10	Jonah 3:1-10	Jonah 4:1-11	Hosea 1:1-2:1
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